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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AIRCG

SUBJ: POSSIBLE GOZ INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF AN EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT

1. WITHIN PAST SEVERAL DAYS EVAN T. BARNETT AND PAT JANAS, OMNI AIRCRAFT, WORLD HEADQUARTERS, 2401 VIRGINIA AVE, NW, WASHDC, AND CHARLES E. HANNER, PAGE GULFSTREAM, INC. 1265 SCOTTSVILLE RD., ROCHESTER, NY, AND EDWIN C. HAMILTON, PAGE GULFSTREAM INC 10440 JOHN CAPE RD., SAN ANTONIO, TX, HAVE CALLED AT EMBASSY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN SALE OF AN EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT TO GOZ. OMNI IS ATTEMPTING TO SELL A USED GRUMMAN JETSTAR AND GULFSTREAM A LATE MODEL VERSION OF THE SAME AIRCRAFT. SALESMEN STATE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY AND ALLEGE THAT THE AIRCRAFT IS PRIMARILY FOR THE USE OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU. EMBOFF WHO TALKED TO ALL AIRCRAFT REPS EMPHASIZED FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES GOZ IS PRESENTLY EXPERIENCING AND BLEAK PROSPECTS FOR NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. HE ALSO DESCRIBED TO SALESMEN PROBLEMS WHICH SALE COULD CAUSE TO ZAIRE IN VIEW OF DEBT RESCHEDULING, ETC.

2. DCM MENTIONED SALES EFFORT TO CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR SAMBWA AND EMPHASIZED PROBLEMS WHICH PURCHASE OF EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT DURING PERIOD OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES COULD CAUSE TO ZAIRE. GOV SAMBWA REPLIED THAT HE WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT. AND THE AMBASSADOR HAS RAISED SUBJECT WITH NGUZA WHO SAID HE WOULD SPEAK TO MOBUTU.

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3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT OUR EFFORTS -- EVEN THOUGH THEY

WILL MAKE GRUMMAN UNHAPPY -- ARE NECESSARY AND WE WILL TAKE EVERY
APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO POINT OUT PROBLEMS WHICH
WOULD ARISE FROM SUCH A PURCHASE BY ZAIRE.
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